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OUR RULES AND OUR MISTAKES.

It is our rule to stop sending the paper when the time subscribed for has expired. We believe the rule to be a good one, and desire to carry it out strictly. There are a few of our intimate friends who have been a little hurt by the infliction of this rule. They think we should know that they will want our paper, and are good enough for the pay. And so we would if we were personally to review our entire subscription list, and we would no doubt continue a number of such; but then, if they are good for the pay and anxious for the paper, why don't they send us their subscription? We think it more of a neglect of us on their part in not renewing, than it is on our part in not violating our rule for their sakes, especially after we have asked earnestly and waited patiently for them to do so, and they had no good reason for not doing it. And now we give fair warning that with us

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

and that in business we shall

Know no man after the flesh,

but that all who desire our paper must subscribe for it, and pay for it if they can; and if they can not they will so state and we will get some one else to pay for it for them.

Then again: During the present year our rule has not been as carefully observed as we had intended. There are a number of persons whose subscription expired during the year, all the way from February on to December. Some were continued through neglect to take the names out of the addressing machine, some by request, and some because we thought they would soon renew and would not like to miss a number, and so we have been carrying them along. Brother Mason has copied them and they aggregate over a hundred dollars. We hope in remitting next year's subscription they will include these little balances and start even with the new volume.

And again: The price of subscription has been advanced from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per annum; from two and one half to four cents a number. Those who have a credit on next year will have it changed to the new rate. Those who have paid \$1.25 for next year will receive the paper thirty one (31) weeks or to the first of August. The better way would be for them to send us seventy-five cents additional which will make the even year.

Let us understand each other, and then let us get our business straightened up and then keep it straight. Wherever we have committed errors we believe we are willing to correct them as far as it is in our power to do so.

We conclude as we began, now is the time to subscribe and not a day should be lost. The price is \$2.00 a year, in advance, and the paper will be double the size of this sheet for next year.

Editorial Miscellany.

We have cheering word from brother Bashor, but too late for this week.

Letters from E. L. Yoder, W. L. Spanogle, R. Z. Replogle Jonathan Warner and J. H. Swihart came too late for this week.

The address of brother J. H. Worst will be Waterloo, Iowa, until Dec. 15th. After that date Bremen, Ohio.

We have a good supply of copy from which to select for next week's issue, and our readers may expect a good paper.

Brother Isaac Kihlnefer preached at Bristolville last Sunday. Had three meetings, and returned home feeling well over it.

Brother Brown left for Covington, O, last Saturday. He will hold some meetings and we hope organize a congregation of Brethren.

Brother Hetrick still continued his meetings at Coventry, when last heard from. Three had made the good choice and others were almost persuaded.

Brother Mason will remove to Farmersville next Friday. His goods were shipped last week, and he and sister Beckie, have been having a good time among their numerous friends in Wayne county, &c.

"A Deacon" writes us that he has been doing some preaching in Tippecanoe, Indiana, resulting in good, and inviting eastern brethren to come into that country and preach; that the prospects are promising, &c.

And still they come. The last one was from brother John R. Denlinger, of Dayton, and arrived early on Thanksgiving morning, and being ready dressed it went at once into the oven. Thanks, brother John.

Brother Ewing has promised us a bundle of specimen sheets of the Brethren's Hymnody and we shall therefore be enabled to send specimens to all who may ask for them free, only a stamp for postage. Send to us or to brother Ewing.

Brother R. Z. Replogle, of New Enterprise, Pa., under date of Nov. 30th, writes as follows:

Since my last we have two more applicants for baptism, and bright prospects for many more, but will have to close to-morrow evening on account of the "break off" referred to in my former article. This makes 11 additions and two applicants.

A German Baptist elder was heard to say: "he would rather unite with the Roman Catholics than with the 'Progressives.'" A brother to whom it was told replied: "That is easy enough to account for; they are so similar in their leading doctrine, that they alone are the church of God, and all others are heterodox."

We can keep a secret when we want to do it, but we see no particular use in it, in this case especially since we let all the others out. It was brother D. F. Ramsey, of Couemaugh, Pa., who first cheered our hearts with the prospects of a sumptuous Thanksgiving meal. Can't help it brother Ramsey. That's what you get for being so good to us.

The Pulpit Treasury is a most excellent periodical. It contains complete sermons, skeletons of sermons, Leading Thoughts of Sermons, Practical Hints for Workers, and much general reading matter. It is especially useful to ministers. It would be a great kindness to send your minister a copy for next year as a Christmas gift. To clergymen it is \$2.00 a year. To others \$2.50. Address E. B. Treat, 757 Broadway, New York.

The following popular pieces are among the contents of Part II, of the Brethren's Hymnody:

What a Friend we have in Jesus; I Love to Tell the Story; Over There; Yield not to Temptation; Are you Washed in the Blood of the Lamb; Peace be Still; Triumph Bye and Bye; The Rock that is Higher than I; Only Waiting; Go Work in my Vineyard; We shall Know; The Gate Ajar for me; Sweet Bye and Bye; The Great Physician; Rejoice and be glad; Shall we Meet Beyond the River? Bringing in the Sheaves; O Bountiful Home of Love; I left it all with Jesus; Come to the Sabbath-school. It is expected to be out about the middle of this month. May be ordered from this office at the following prices: Board covers 45 cents per doz. by express \$4.50. Cloth binding, 60 cents; per doz. \$6.25. Flexible leather binding, gilt edge, \$1.00; per doz. \$11.00.

The Dickey church, of the German Baptists is having its ups and downs pretty lively, and our prophecies are coming true. Corruption can not always be covered over. The acting Bishop has had a tenant who belongs to his church, and who had a complaint against the Bishop, which, to save the reputation of the said Bishop had to be fixed up by the said tenant resigning his membership, which was accepted with remarkable alacrity. Now the said tenant is an expelled member, who can not be believed, and so the elder is protected. Then to make up for the deficiency and to keep

up the membership, John Willis is taken in about as hastily as the other man went out, without an investigation, confession of sin, or restitution of wrong done. Two more cases of whitewashing—as it were. All we ask is to give them lots of rope, and let the people keep their eyes open. "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."

The Eclectic Educational Series of school books has lately achieved quite a triumph in Cincinnati. A proposition was brought before the Board of Education to change out the Eclectic Series. A committee was appointed to whom the matter was referred. This committee has reported unfavorably to the proposition, and strongly endorses the Eclectic Series. The committee says:

"The books now in use have been and are giving general satisfaction; that from such examination and comparison as we have been able to give from the unanimous testimony of the Superintendent and Principals, the latter of whom were equally selected by the interested dealers, and from others in whose judgment we have confidence, the books offered in said propositions are not equal in merit to those in use, and in practical adaptation to the wants of our schools are inferior to them."

The expression of the Superintendent and principals of the schools was to the same effect, and a petition of 28,573 citizens, remonstrating against the change was presented. Hence the action of the Board stood thirty-one in favor of continuing the Eclectic series, and three against it. The Eclectic Series is the best we ever used, and we are especially favorable to the McGuffey's Readers. We do not think they can be excelled. And we notice that the Eclectic Geographies are very highly recommended by the leading instructors. Messrs Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., Cincinnati, are the enterprising publishers of this series of school books.

The services of young ladies and gentlemen who are possessed of a knowledge of Short-Hand writing are coming very much into demand nowadays. This Art is difficult to learn without a teacher, and Professional schools are few. But since the establishment of the University School of Short-Hand at Iowa City, Iowa, interested persons every where are enabled to take lessons by mail successfully. Large classes are taught in this way and Trial Lessons given free to those making application.

We have received a copy of the beautiful lithographic portrait of Pansy (Mrs G. R. Alden), and it seems only proper in this connection to give a few interesting points of the history of this widely-known author, whose books have a larger sale than those of any other living American writer.

Personal information respecting popular authors has a peculiar interest for readers of all classes. How they look; what they say; the circumstances under which their books are written; and the history of their various literary experiences, all are topics of lively and never-ending interest.

"Mrs. Alden's pseudonym, with its suggestion of unobtrusive beauty, is very appropriate both as to her writings and to herself. She is self-possessed, charming in conversation, but quiet and unassuming. Her adoption of the title by which she is known, is an interesting bit of history. In her young girl days, the old clock in her father's house stopped—a thing so unusual that it made an impression on the whole household and especially on her. She wrote an 'essay' in regard to that faithful household monitor, which pleased her father very much. He said it must be published in the paper conducted by her brother. 'But,' said he, 'we don't wish any one to know that you wrote it, and so we will sign it "Pansy," for pansy means tender and pleasant thoughts, and you have given me some thoughts that are tender and pleasant."

It is no wonder when she came to write for the public, that she should adopt for a *nom de plume* the name which had for her such a tender association.

Mrs. Alden finds time in her busy life to fill the editorial chair of THE PANSY, the popular pictorial magazine (weekly) for young people which is published at 75 cents a year, by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.

We learn that any one desiring this beautiful portrait can obtain it free by sending \$1.50 for two new subscriptions to the Pansy, to D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, Mass.

We would like to call attention to the hundreds of Delightful New Books Messrs. D. Lothrop & Co., are issuing for the Holidays. The older as well as the younger folks will find rich treats in them. At present we can only advise purchasers to ask their booksellers for these publications and to send to D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, for a full catalogue of their books and magazines. They will send any book or magazine postage-paid, on receipt of price.

The November number of THE PANSY proves afresh that a periodical in which so much space is devoted to Sunday reading, may be edited and filled with as much brightness and talent as the

secular magazines. It makes Sunday reading for the young as attractive as the popular magazines of the day. Margaret Sidney continues her delightful articles, "How They went to Europe." THE PANSY is only 75 cents a year. The volume begins with the November number. D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston, Mass.

THE PANSY is only one of four periodicals issued by this house. BABYLAND, 50 cents a year, OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN, \$1.00 a year, and WIDE AWAKE, \$2.50 a year.

Correspondence.

ELDERS VISIT THE FAIRVIEW CHURCH, O.

On the 15th inst., I received a note from Eld. Landon West, stating that it was arranged to have a council meeting at the Fairview church on the 22nd, at 10 o'clock A. M., and requesting me to announce it and to invite the membership to be present. The announcement was made at our regular meeting on the 18th. The note did not state who would conduct the meeting nor what should be the business, and so we were left to conjecture, until 24 hours after the time appointed for the meeting. The elders were detained by a delay of the train, but at fifteen minutes after 12 o'clock they put in their appearance, and they were Elders Landon West, Jacob Garver and J. N. Kauffman.

The meeting was opened by singing "Sweet hour of prayer," and prayer by Elder West, which was followed by reading Philip. 2: 1-16 and an appropriate exhortation by Elder Kauffman, when it was declared that they were ready to proceed with business. Elder West then stated rather indefinitely the nature and object of their visit. They came to pay us a visit and to have brother Beer explain to the Fairview church what he had been doing and why he did it. He said that there was dissatisfaction with brother Beer's doings; that he didn't do as he did four or five years ago and they came to have him explain. I wanted to know whether they wanted me to give a biography of my life, and they said they didn't. At this point brother J. C. Ewing objected vehemently to their proceedings and demanded that they tell by what authority they were here and that, if there be charges against brother Beer, they be regularly presented.

In answering questions asked by various parties (members and other, for we had an open council) the elders explained that they were not here as a committee, and not by invitation of the Fairview church or any member of this church; but they came as adjoining elders according to Art. 4 of the Min. to A. M. for 1882. It was also discovered that there had been no charges preferred against me and that this council was irregular and premature.

After the foregoing irregularities were sufficiently developed, I expressed a willingness and desire to proceed and the church voted assent, and the work commenced in earnest. There were no charges read against me, but Elder West made a loose-jointed impeachment speech in which he referred to the meetings at the school house during the Arnold's Grove annual meeting; a conversation between us before the Ashland Convention; a visit I made to the Brush Creek congregation, or, rather to himself; the Dayton City church organization; work done in the Miami Valley and other places; the Dayton Convention, and to the fact that I don't take a part in annual meeting and other church work as I used to do, &c. Because of these things he said brethren were aggrieved, and they came to have me explain. They had been patient and deferred the matter, until they could see what the fruits would be; but they were asked privately and also in the public prints why they didn't deal with brother Beer as with others, so that it was necessary to do something.

Although this was another irregular proceeding, not wishing to consume time in talking more about mere usages, I proceeded to make some corrections and explanations preparatory to the more important work. At 3 P. M. we adjourned to meet at 6 P. M.

Instead of the time appointed I resumed my explanation at 6:30 P. M. and continued with a few interruptions until the ground was pretty thoroughly canvassed, and then gave the matter over to be disposed of by the elders and the church. It is not my purpose in this correspondence to give even a synoptical report of what was said; suffice it to say that we commenced with the organization at Schwarzenau, Germany, in 1708, traced the doctrines, principles, usages and government of the church, noticed the usurpation and abuse of power and the various departures from, and violations of our sacred and time honored principles, and from the whole deduced my reasons for doing what I have done and for not doing what I used to do. I hope you will be able to find room for the following concluding remarks, which are correctly reported.